



WeeklyViews

Indiana Department of Correction

February 27, 2015



On Saturday, ten staff from the Pendleton Correctional Facility (PCF) participated in the Polar Plunge at Ball State University to benefit the Indiana Special Olympics. Dressed in their favorite "Super Hero" costume, staff braved the cold weather and fresh snow to raise money for Special Olympics of Indiana. Kylie Mabe, Event Organizer, stated, "This is our first year "taking the plunge" as a facility and it was a huge success. We had 10 staff members dressed up as superheroes and each helped to raise our goal of \$1500. We are hoping to build a bigger team for next year and raise more awareness within the facility about Special Olympics of Indiana. We are planning on participating in the Plane Pull Challenge, the Law Enforcement Torch Run

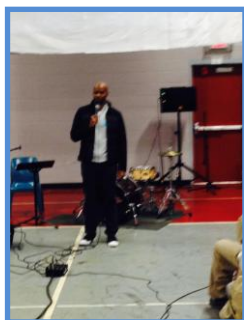
and have our own version of a Tip-a-Cop later on this year. I'm incredibly proud of our facility and especially those who were truly freezin' for a reason."

The Rockville Correctional Facility was recognized with the "Silver Level Award" from the State Employees Community Campaign (SECC) final report. This prestigious award is used to recognize facilities where the majority of staff donated to the campaign. At RCF, out of 240 staff, 80 gave to the campaign to the charity of their choice. These donations amounted to \$17,730! Thank you RCF staff!!! *(photo right)*



Pendleton Juvenile students in Mrs. DeHart's 9th grade English class attended the showing of the play, *The Giver* at IRT on Wednesday, February 25th. Students were selected for the trip based on classroom performance based both on academics and behavior. Attending a

live theatre performance was a new experience for the students. They were also able to attend the question and answer session after the performance to learn more about set and costume designers, as well as how actors prepare for their roles. E Complex held a Papa John's fundraiser at Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility. In all, 30 students participated by ordering Papa John's items. The sale generated a profit of \$200.00. The money will be used to purchase monthly incentive parties for the students, project materials, and unit specific clothing. *(photo left)*



On Saturday, February 21, 2015, offenders at Branchville Correctional Facility were privileged to have had a live comedy performance by nationally acclaimed comedian, Michael Jr. According to his website, Michael Jr. has appeared on The Tonight Show, Comedy Central, TV One, The Late, Late Show, Oprah, BET's ComicView, Jimmy Kimmel Live, SiTV, CNN, The Tom Joyner Show, The Bob and Tom Show, DayBreak USA and Bryon Allen's Comic Unleashed, and ComedyTV.

In addition, he performs at some of the most prestigious comedy clubs across the nation, including The Improv, The Laugh Factory, The Comedy Store, The Punchline, The Comic Strip, and Zanies Comedy Club. And, if that's not enough, Michael's versatility takes him from major universities such as Notre Dame, the University of Massachusetts, and the University of Alabama, to church events ranging from a featured speaker at the Gateway Pastors Conference and the 60,000 member Willow

Creek Church in Chicago where he is also the #1 rated speaker at their yearly Global Leadership Summit, to the 17,000 member West Angeles Church in L.A and the 10,000 member New Life Church in Colorado Springs. Michael Jr. was in Evansville to do a show for the Evansville Christian Life Center's Laugh for Life, and he graciously came to Branchville to do a free show for the offenders prior to that event.

Presentation of \$1500 donation to Life After Meth in Vincennes. Faith based recovery program operating in Knox County Jail and providing residential options for recovering addicts. \$750 was raised by Therapeutic Communities across the IDOC and \$375 each from Wabash Valley and Branchville PLUS.

